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1. The harbors of Wismar and Stralsund have been hermetically sealed since the last part of April 1948, and, according to informant, can only be entered by visitors with special passes. The few Germans who are still present in the harbor areas of the two ports require, in addition to a permanent pass, a confirmatory certificate countersigned by the Soviet harbor command.

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A double fence has been erected around the harbor districts of Wismar and Rostock. The outer barbed-wire fence is guarded at regular watch intervals by German police; the inner fence, a nine-foot high palisade, is patrolled by Soviet military police and MVD guards in uniform and civilian clothing. Source states that the reason for the strong security measures at Stralsund is apparent to the German population who have been generally aware that Stralsund has become a Soviet naval base. It is an open secret that the submarine bunkers there, which were begun in April 1947 and completed at the end of March 1948, now have permanently stationed Soviet submarines. Likewise, the former German Parow Airfield has been improved as a Soviet marine air base. Since the middle of April, a large number of new type Soviet planes have been flown to this aerodrome.

The Clausdorf Pilot Station and the Harbor Pilot Station have been placed under Soviet command. The German pilots of the area, reduced to a very small number of politically reliable persons whose movements are constantly checked by the MVD, no longer have free intercourse with their families.

4. Three of the harbor pilots originally dismissed have been transferred to Division Three of the Harbor Inspection Service after being recommended and subjected to a suitable examination by the regional control of the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern SED. This service handles all harbor dredging. A Harbor Service inspector and former pilot claims to have had a conversation on 25 April 1948 with a member of the Soviet submarine chaser flotilla stationed at Stralsund. This former German seaman first class from Kaliningrad (Königsberg), revealed the following information:

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- a. One flotilla of Soviet submarine chasers are now stationed in Wismar and Stralsund respectively. The personnel, with the exception of the flotilla commander, the political deputy to the flotilla commander, and a half-flotilla leader, is German. The ships are of the submarine chaser type "Mittelmeer" which were being constructed at the end of the war in Rostock, Danzig, and Gotenhafen. The twenty-four ships of the Stralsund flotilla were constructed at Rostock during the last year. They were taken to Kaliningrad where they were placed in service by Soviet and German machine and transportation personnel. Informant knows nothing about the flotilla stationed at Wismar. The name of the German half-flotilla leader in Stralsund is Lieutenant Adamski who holds the Ritterkreuz. After an airplane crash near Novorossisk in 1942, he was taken prisoner by the Soviets. Subsequently, he served as an inspector in the Black Sea Naval Command. According to informant, the members of the submarine chaser flotilla are without exception former members of the R-flotillas of Pillau and Gotenhafen. The commanders of the ships are former German active deck officers (Oberfeldwebel).
- b. There are at present in Stralsund twelve Soviet submarines of the latest types manned by German crews.
- c. The presence of Soviet submarines, which surfaced in packs of three in the western Baltic Sea, has been repeatedly confirmed. They were, however, mostly sighted in the area of the Pomeranian bay (Pommersche Bucht).
- d. The fishing ports near Stralsund have been cleared and opened. Fishing boats along the coast of Rügen Island and in the region of Grabow Inlet have been repaired and refitted. Improperities in the transportation of catches to the cold storage buildings of Stralsund have resulted in a Soviet order which requires all boats to travel to their former grounds under the supervision of Soviet motorboats. In the district of the southern Bodden they must follow prescribed channel routes.

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